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DEPTEL 82; EMBTEL 416.

THERE ARE NO REPORTS WHATSOEVER THIS WEEK OF VIET MINH WITHDRAWAL OR OF PREPARATIONS THEREFOR. RATHER, ALL NEW REPORTS CITE CONTINUED VM PRESENCE, RECRUITING, BRIDGE AND ROAD REPAIR WORK, AND SHORT MOVEMENTS AT TOPEU, NAM THA, KHAMMOUANE, XIENG KHOUANG, LUANG PRABANG, AND SAVANNAKHET PROVINCES. SEE FOV'S 5919, 5920, 5922, 5927, 5939, AND 5940, FVS-7951, AND MAAG/LAOS DAILY OPSUM OF SEPTEMBER 21 (ML-4735).

SOUVANNA PHOUMA'S CONCERN RE CONTINUED EXISTENCE VIET MINH IN LAOS IS REFLECTED IN FOV'S 5919 AND 5938 AND EMBTEL 448. FOR PHOUMI'S STATEMENT, BASED ON UNKNOWN SOURCES, THAT SOME VIET MINH FROM NAM THA - MUONG SAI AND MUHAXAY - NHOMMARATH REGIONS HAD RETURNED TO DRV, AND SOUPHANOUVONG'S ASSURANCE ALL VM WOULD BE WITHDRAWN BEFORE END SEPTEMBER, SEE EMBTEL 421.

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